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# Ohio Conf. Swimming Championship Issue

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## President's Greeting To Conference Teams

I am pleased to have this opportunity—the first since my coming to Kenyon—to welcome to our campus the teams which will compete today and tomorrow in the Ohio Conference Swimming Championships. I am told that this should be one of the best and closest championship meets in a number of years, with strong teams coming from several of our sister schools. Of course, we at Kenyon are hoping for our sixth consecutive championship, but we are glad to see that swimming is being recognized as an important and demanding Conference activity. It seems plain that the present defending champions will have to extend themselves to win.

March 3, 1959

F. Edward Lund

## Shaffer Pool Scene Of 22nd Ohio Conf. Swim Championship

This afternoon marks the beginning of the twenty-second Ohio Conference Swimming Championships. The shot which starts the first preliminary at 1:30 p. m. in Shaffer Natatorium will open what promises to be one of the most exciting events in small college swimming. Eight colleges from this part of the country will enter their best mermen to match skills with each other and with those swimmers of the past who now hold the Ohio Conference records.

The University of Akron, Kenyon College, Mount Union College, Muskingum College, Oberlin College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Wittenberg College and the College of Wooster will have men in Gambier today and tomorrow to participate in this annual event.

this year will be divided into two groups, one of which is being held today, the other tomorrow. The preliminaries of each group will be held in the afternoon, the finals at night. This division is designed to give individual swimmers the longest possible layover between any two similar events in both of which they might be participating.

Eight events will take place today. In order of occurrence they are: 200 yard butterfly, 50 yard freestyle, 200 yard backstroke, 220 yard freestyle, 100 yard breaststroke, 1 meter diving, 200 yard individual medley, and 400 freestyle relay. The preliminaries for these will be at 1:30 p. m. and the finals will be at 8:00 this evening.

The schedule of the preliminaries and finals for tomorrow is the same as today's. Events to be held tomorrow are, again in order: 100 yard butterfly, 100 yard freestyle, 200 yard breaststroke, 100 yard backstroke, 400 yard freestyle and the 400 yard medley relay. Between the 440 yard freestyle and the 400 yard medley relay, an exhibition in diving will be given but will not count in the scoring.

### Scoring

Scoring of the meet is not complicated but requires some knowledge of the procedure. In each event the first six places are awarded points. In the individual events, including diving, first place will be given 7 points; second place, 5 points; third, 4; fourth, 3; fifth, 2; and sixth, 1. The scoring for the relays will be exactly double that of the individual events: 14 for first, 10 for second, 8 for third, and so on. The team with the highest total number of points will, of course, win the meet.

### 200 Yard Medley

Of the fourteen events, two are perhaps most outstanding for interest and difficulty. Requiring the greatest versatility is the 200 yard individual medley. To do well in this event, one man must be able to swim, and swim well, all four of the basic strokes: the freestyle, which, although anything goes, is basically a crawl of some sort; the backstroke, in which the only rule is that the swimmer must remain at all times on his back; the breaststroke, in which the swimmer must never let his hands come above the water; and the butterfly, requiring superb coordination and in which the swimmer is disqualified if, for any reason he can not lift his hands out of the water for the overhead stroke.

Definitely the most grueling race to complete is the 200 yard butterfly. Over a tenth of a mile long, this event is indeed the terror of the meet. A swimmer must be in magnificent physical condition to swim the entire distance.

B.McC.

## Collegian Sports Staff Previews Competing Teams

Friday and Saturday, March 6th and 7th, Kenyon College will serve as host to seven schools during the 22nd Annual Ohio Athletic Conference Swimming and Diving Championships, to be held at Shaffer Pool. Throughout the past season, the majority of these teams have engaged in competition with each other in a series of dual meets.

Although the outcome of these meets is indicative of the probable outcome of the championships, being held this weekend, the Ohio Conference Swimming Title is based on the results of this last single octagonal meet.

Each of these eight teams is able to point to certain individuals as promising prospects, more important will be the depth demonstrated by the various teams, since meet points will be awarded to the first six places in each event.

Previewing the championships, the Collegian sports staff offers a synopsis of the performances of each team during the past season.

### OHIO WESLEYAN

Ohio Wesleyan will enter a particularly well balanced and able team of nineteen swimmers this year. In the opinion of many concerned, this year's group of swimmers represents the best team Wesleyan has ever had. Surprisingly, the Wesleyan team is composed mainly of juniors and freshmen who will be returning next year. The single senior swimmer on the team, Barry Poulson, is a transfer from the University of Michigan. Barry is captain of the team and holds the present Ohio Conference record in the 50 yard freestyle event, which he won last year with a time of 0:23.7 seconds. This year he has been consistently under this mark and threatens his own record Friday evening. Likewise, Barry Poulson, won the diving (1 meter) last year and will defend this title Saturday. Other outstanding swimmers on the Wesleyan team are: Pete Zorn, a freshman, who occupies a position of prominence on last year's high school all-American swimming team; Duke Ellenberger, a freshman who swam for an Erie, Pennsylvania high school last season; Larry Lays, Lash, and Jim Brown.

### WITTENBERG

Wittenberg will be represented by fourteen swimmers and their coach Dave Maurer, with probable contestants in each event. Again, Wittenberg's team this

year is superior to any of its past teams, and boasts of several fine swimmers. The outstanding member of the Wittenberg swimmers, is Dick Fagley, a backstroke. Dick, poses a threat to both the 100 and 200 yard races in this event. Other swimmers to watch will be Steinke, Armstrong, and Maurer.

### MT. UNION

A surprise entry from Mount Union College is composed of two swimmers coached by Duke Barret. This is the first year Mount Union has participated in this event and Howard Wenk, a freestyler and Dick Conyers, a diver, will be "dark horses" as far as previous performance is concerned, since neither has engaged in any college competition this year to our knowledge.

### OBERLIN

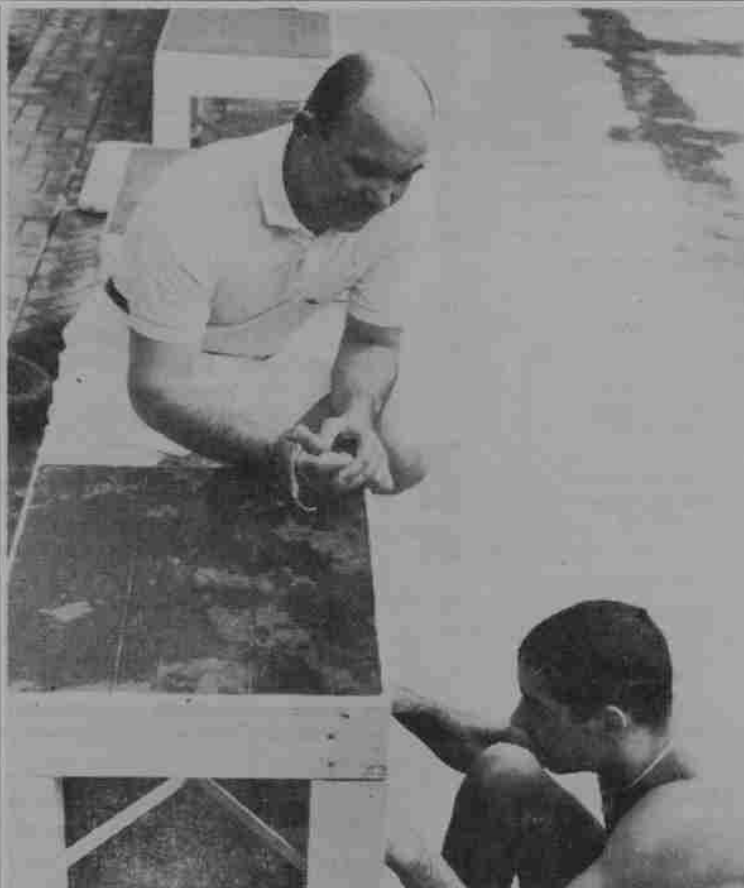
Oberlin, although not as strong as last year or previous years, will enter nineteen swimmers, among which are several standouts. This year, captain, J. Michael, won the 100 yard free style in competition with Kenyon, although neither Ritter nor Bormann swam the event. Gibbs and LaGuardia are both potential threats in the butterfly and breaststroke events. The Oberlin team is a particular threat in the 100 yard breaststroke event but it seems to lack powerful freestylers, which is disadvantageous for them, since six of the fourteen events are freestyle. The Oberlin coach is Ralph Bibler.

### MUSKINGUM

Another new face to appear in the Ohio Conference Championships for the first time is that of Muskingum College at New Concord. Mr. L. C. Knight will enter twelve swimmers in the meet and compete in each event with the possible exception of the 400 yard medley relay. As far as the watch is concerned, Tate is the most promising member of the Muskingum team.

### AKRON AND WOOSTER

At this time there is no information readily available on the Wooster or Akron teams. However it is known that Herman Little, weighing in at about 300 pounds is a promising freshman



Kenyon's versatile coach, Tom Edwards, gives starting signal to freshman backstroke John Binder. Edwards is shooting for his sixth consecutive Ohio Conference championship.

prospect for Wooster in the distance races. John Swigert coaches the Wooster team. For Akron, Tom Neff will handle the distance races and Marvin Ferrall looks capable in sprints. Coaching Akron will be Jim Shear.

### KENYON

Kenyon will defend its title for the sixth consecutive year this weekend. Should Kenyon win again, as is expected bar bad luck, it will be the twelfth victory for Kenyon in this particular meet, since 1937 — an accomplishment of which no other Ohio Conference school can boast. The Kenyon team coached by Tom Edwards, poses a definite threat in each event and has good depth, particularly in freestyle.

Many of the outstanding members of the team are freshmen who are expected to break several records. Phil Mayher, a freshman already holds some team records in the freestyle and backstroke events while Jim Carr, John Binder, John Oliver, Tom Hoffmann and Chip Cunningham, round off the freshman team which defeated roundly the upperclassmen swimmers earlier in the season.

In retrospect, there is no doubt that as many as eight records

### First in 1936

The first Ohio Conference Swimming Championship was held in 1936 at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio. Up until then none of the schools in the conference had had a team. Swimming was then established as an official Ohio Conference sport and dual meets were held the following year. The 1936 championship was won by Oberlin College and since that time it has been held every year except 1944 and 1945 when it was cancelled because of the war.

This year two colleges, Muskingum and Mount Union, are entering for the first time. Prior to 1959, only four schools have won the championship. Kenyon has chalked up eleven wins, three more than Oberlin, who has won eight times. Both Case and Wooster have one victory to their credit. Since 1937, however, when Case won its only championship, she has withdrawn from the conference.

### Fourteen Events

The fourteen events to be held could fall this weekend, all of which promises excitement and top notch competition in any league.

J.K.R.



## Statistics Favor Kenyon; Wesleyan Offers Emulation

The Ohio Conference Meet results should find Kenyon College again champions, as they have been for the past six years. However, before they win again, the Kenyon swimmers must overcome at least two obstacles, Ohio Wesleyan and Oberlin. Although both of these teams bowed to Kenyon earlier in the season, they will still provide stiff opposition. Wesleyan in particular with their young team will make the meet one of the closest in many years.

However, the close of the meet should find it Kenyon, Wesleyan, Oberlin, Akron, and Wooster, with Wittenberg, Muskingum, and Mt. Union finishing behind the leaders. The battle for third place should be very close between Wittenberg and Oberlin, as both of those schools have teams of approximately the same strength.

### Good On Paper

An event-by-event glance at the corresponding chart shows that on paper the Lords should take a greater share of the first place honors than any of the other teams. This chart gives all of the swimming events, and the best times posted by the best men for each school. Thus, one can see at a glance how the various entrants stand against one another.

In the first event, the butterfly, Kenyon's Carr and Mason should come out on top. They both have done about the same time in the meets this year, and it should be a good race. Ohio Wesleyan's freshman star Jim Brown will also be in contention for first place honors. If he can break up Kenyon's one-two combination, it will help his team greatly.

The second event, the 50 yd. freestyle, should be a duel between the defending champion, Poulson of Wesleyan, and Ritter of Kenyon. Both have posted excellent times during the course of the season, and the outcome of this race will be very close.

### Hopes With Binder

Another close race will be the 200 yd. backstroke, with Fagley of Wittenberg expected to take top honors. Mayher of Kenyon probably will not be in this race, but Fagley will be hard pressed by Binder of Kenyon.

The 100 yd. breaststroke, the fifth event Friday, will probably be the closest race of all. All three top schools, Kenyon, Wesleyan, and Oberlin, have men whose times are very close. Selman of Kenyon is the slight favorite, but Farran of Wesleyan, and Swanson of Oberlin will be very close to him. Also, the three top schools each have a second man in this event who is almost as good as the first man, so the result of this event is very difficult to forecast. It should be a good race.

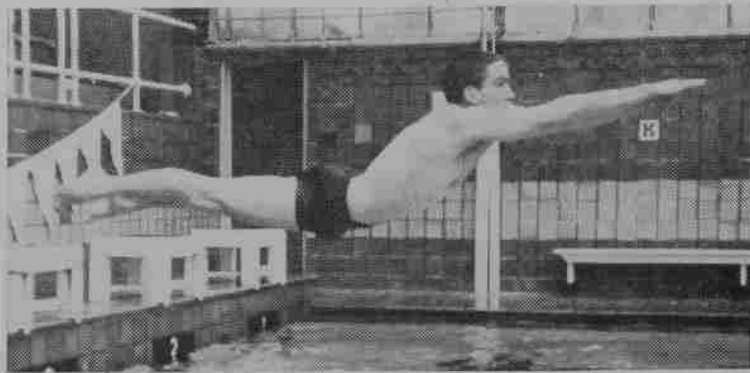
If Mayher of Kenyon swims the 200 yd. individual medley, he should have little trouble setting a new conference record. The next four places should all be close, but Brown of Wesleyan

should capture second place.

### Ritter vs. Poulson

The 100 yd. freestyle should be another very close race, with defending champion Poulson again pitted against Ritter. Also Kenyon's Dave Borman will give these two a battle for first place honors. This race, too, should see a long standing record broken by the winning swimmer.

Kenyon's Carr, Selman, and



Record-breaking Lord, Lanny Ritter, seems to be flying as he starts a fast 50 yard freestyle run. During the past season Ritter broke the Kenyon varsity record with an excellent 23.5. Although this a tenth of a second faster than the conference record, it may not be enough to beat Ohio Wesleyan speedster Poulson.

Beese should provide a winning trio in the 200 breaststroke. However, giving these three stiff opposition will be Wesleyan's Robin Farran, and Pickey, along with Oberlin's Swanson. If Kenyon could come out on top in this

event it would be of great help to them.

Mayher again should have little trouble in taking the 440 yd. freestyle, and his teammate Phil Post should also place. The fight for third and fourth should be close

between Lays of Wesleyan, Post, Leiper of Kenyon, and Steinke of Wittenberg.

### Medley Relay

The final event of the championships should find Ohio Wesleyan setting a new conference record in the 400 yd. Medley relay. Their team, of Waterfield, Farran, Brown, who should be an easy victor in the 100 yd. butterfly, and Poulson, has yet to be defeated in conference competition. If Wesleyan can bring the meet down to the final relay, they will have a good chance of winning.

However, it appears almost certain that Kenyon will have won the meet by this time, if all runs as expected. But one cannot be too certain, and it would not be at all impossible for the Lords to be upset by either Wesleyan or Oberlin.

J.C.

| TEAM EVENT                 | AKRON | KENYON           | MOUNT UNION | MUSKINGUM           | OBERLIN           | OHIO WESLEYAN      | WITTENBERG        | WOOSTER | OHIO CONFERENCE RECORD                    |
|----------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|---|
| 200 YARD BUTTERFLY         |       | 2:30<br>Carr     |             | 2:43<br>Foraker     | 2:37<br>LaGuardia | 2:34<br>Brown      | 2:38<br>Maurer    |         | 2:24<br>Ray<br>Kenyon<br>1957             |
| 50 YARD FREESTYLE          |       | 0:23.6<br>Ritter | —<br>Wenk   | 0:25.8<br>Tate      | 0:25.2<br>Michel  | 0:32.2<br>Poulson  | 0:25.4<br>Beard   |         | 0:23.7**<br>Poulson<br>O. W. U.<br>1958   |
| 200 YARD BACKSTROKE        |       | 2:18<br>Mayher   |             | 2:55<br>Grant       | 2:28<br>Michel    | 2:30<br>Brown      | 2:21<br>Fagley    |         | 2:18**<br>Payton<br>Kenyon<br>1955        |
| 220 YARD FREESTYLE         |       | 2:19<br>Mayher   | —<br>Wenk   | 2:35<br>Thomas      | 2:28<br>Michel    | 2:26<br>Lays       | 2:33<br>Steinke   |         | 2:17<br>Kurrus<br>Kenyon<br>1955          |
| 100 YARD BREASTSTROKE      |       | 1:12<br>Selman   |             | 1:16<br>Foraker     | 1:13<br>Swanson   | 1:13<br>Farran     | 1:16<br>Armstrong |         | 2:23.8**<br>Flower<br>Oberlin<br>1958     |
| DIVING                     |       |                  |             |                     |                   |                    |                   |         |   |
| 200 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY |       | 2:19<br>Mayher   |             | 2:35<br>Foraker     | 2:35<br>Michel    | 2:31<br>Brown      | 2:33<br>Armstrong |         | 2:38.8**<br>Payton<br>Kenyon<br>1956      |
| 400 YARD FREESTYLE RELAY   |       | 3:37             |             | 4:19                | 3:52              | 3:40               | 3:54              |         | 3:39**<br>Kenyon<br>1955                  |
| 100 YARD BUTTERFLY         |       | 1:04<br>Mason    |             | 1:06<br>Foraker     | 1:01.8<br>Gibbs   | 1:02<br>Brown      | 1:04<br>Maurer    |         | 1:03**<br>Ray<br>Kenyon<br>1958           |
| 100 YARD FREESTYLE         |       | 0:52.9<br>Ritter | —<br>Wenk   | 0:57.8<br>Tate      | 0:55.5<br>Michel  | 0:35.5<br>Poulson  | 0:58.0<br>Linham  |         | 0:53.1**<br>FitzSimmons<br>Kenyon<br>1955 |
| 200 YARD BREASTSTROKE      |       | 2:40<br>Carr     |             | 2:47<br>Foraker     | 2:46<br>Swanson   | 2:44<br>Pickey     | 2:47<br>Armstrong |         | 2:42**<br>Flower<br>Oberlin<br>1958       |
| 100 YARD BACKSTROKE        |       | 1:01<br>Mayher   |             | 1:07<br>Grimentrouf | 1:06<br>Michel    | 1:06<br>Waterfield | 1:01<br>Fagley    |         | 1:05.8**<br>Smith<br>Oberlin<br>1958      |
| 440 YARD FREESTYLE         |       | 5:09<br>Mayher   | —<br>Wenk   | 5:50<br>Tate        | 5:39<br>Klein     | 5:30<br>Lays       | 5:36<br>Steinke   |         | 5:03<br>Ray<br>Kenyon<br>1957             |
| 400 YARD MEDLEY RELAY      |       | 4:16             |             | —                   | 4:20              | 4:15               | 4:24              |         | 4:18**<br>Kenyon<br>1958                  |

The chart gives each team's best time in each event for the 1958-1959 season and the present Ohio Conference records; also given are the individuals who recorded those times.

\*Mount Union officially has no swimming team but has entered two men in the meet, Wenk and a diver.

\*\*Ohio Conference records which could be broken this year.

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